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## Annual Winter Carnival To Begin Today



QUEEN DOROTHY  
and  
KING RAYMOND

### FARMINGTON MET IN CARNIVAL GAME

With a razz-ma-tazz cheering section; with the hunky-dory cheer leaders and leaderettes; and above all, with the pep, vim, and vigor boys the coach introduced us to at assembly, the Fitchburg basketball team will go to town tomorrow night at the R. F. Erown gymnasium against the boys from Farmington Normal from 'way up in Maine.

With only one victory to their credit, the T. C.'ers are determined to keep the three defeats from mounting any higher—defeats which took place away from home at Worcester, Bridgewater,

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### FRESHMEN TO PRESENT CARNIVAL BALL

The freshmen class will make its debut with the presentation of the annual Carnival Ball at eight o'clock tonight.

Since the start of our school year the freshmen have been working hard and earnestly to make this ball one to be long remembered. The dance will start at eight o'clock and continue until eleven thirty. The refreshments, to be served in the lobby during intermission, will be unique and novel. The lobby and staircases as well as the library will be artistically and appropriately decorated to lend

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### DOT SEARS, RAY LOWE TO REIGN OVER EVENT

Dorothy Sears and Raymond Lowe were elected Carnival Queen and King respectively for the annual Winter Carnival which is being sponsored by the Sophomore class this year as announced by Ralph Whiting. The King and Queen will be crowned tonight at the Carnival Ball prepared by the Freshmen under the direction of Nelson Wood.

King Raymond and Queen Dorothy will have as their court attendants Thomas Sweeney, Stanley English, Mary Gagnon, and Mary Ward.

Robert Patch, the Sophomore general chairman, has completed the arrangement of the program. It will include all details which go to make for an elaborate Winter Carnival.

Henry Kelly has negotiated and arranged for skating at St.

*The schedule for the Winter Carnival will be found on page four.*

Joseph's Rink this afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. The Freshman class has completed its plans for its Ball which is to be held at 8:00 this evening.

John Wilkinson claims that snow will be here for his part of the program, which will include skiing, sliding, tobogganing, and what not at the Hospital Hill on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:45. Then will come

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## Editorial—

Have you ever noticed that a great many of the people at our school do not know the words to their fight songs? Are you one of those people? When you attend a basketball game, or another similar activity where school songs are sung, do you stand and half-heartedly mumble the few words that you know, or do you stand with your mouth closed tight and just look glum?

Such an attitude on the part of individuals who can sing certainly represents a lack of school spirit. In addition, it suggests extreme laziness, for such a person is either too lazy to learn the words, or is too tired to open his mouth. (A sad plight indeed!)

The presentation to the school of "Fight On", by the Sophomore Class, is a manifestation of the height of school spirit. The least we can do is to learn the words of the song.

Munro Leaf would probably characterize one without the enthusiasm either to learn the words of his school songs or to sing them with zest,—as a "WON'T—SING." In case you do not know it, a watchdog dislikes a "WON'T—SING." If you should go to the basketball game Saturday night without knowing your fight songs,—be-ware—a watchdog might see you and drag you away from the game!

Watchdogs watch "WON'T SINGS."

The watchdogs are watching you.

Are you a "WON'T SING?"

# The Ash Tray

By Dr. Carvenkut

Mixed slogans—Clearweave Hosiery—best in the long run—United Airlines—good to the last drop—Ford—I'd walk a mile for a camel—B. V. D.—ask a man who owns one.

Browsing around I found this letter:

Doing Well

State of Younted

Septemba der 4th 1939

Mein deer Hans

I take up mine pen and ink to rite you mit a led pencil. We do not liff vere ve liffed before: ve liff vere ve moved. I am sorry since we are so near apart.

Mine deer Aunt Katrinka iss dead. Her breath just vent. Der dokter gave up all hopes of saving her ven she dyed.

Fritzzy Bukker vas also sick der odder day. Der dokter told him to take sumptings so he vent downtown mit Izzy Cohen und took his vatch. Izzy got him arrested und got him a lawyer. Der lawyer got him out of der jam alrite und vent home mit der vatch. Mein brudder chust graduated from der cow collitch. He got a chob in a livery stable giffing hey to der hosses. Der odder day he took our dog up to der saw mill. Der dog got in a fite mit a circular saw und only lasted vun round.

I am geeting rich fast. Der odder day I vent to a bank und put in vun hundred dollars. Der next day I vent bak und wrote a chek for \$100 und deposited it. Now I haff two hundred dollar.

Yure cusin

Fritz

T. Pierce says them this way:

"Embark upon matrimony precipitantly and suffer compunction during a period of unengaged time."—"Do not estimate your total offspring of gallinaceous fowl prior to their incubation."—"A latrant canine never seizes with his teeth so as to pinch, crush, rend or lacerate."—"Every collection of visible vapor suspended in the air at a considerable altitude above the earth has an argent stratification." In case your vocabulary couldn't stand it, here's how we say them:—"Marry in haste and repent at leisure."—"Don't count your chickens before they are hatched."—"Barking dogs never bite."—"Every cloud has a silver lining."



## FITCHBURG LOSES TO BRIDGEWATER, HYANNIS

A tired Fitchburg basketball team lost to Hyannis, 41 to 30 at Hyannis last Saturday.

The Fitchburg boys, tired after a long trip and a hard game the night before, suffered defeat to a fast, sharpshooting Hyannis team. The game was exciting throughout.

Fitchburg led 26 to 18 at the half. Then they slowed down considerably and Hyannis surged ahead to win. Hyannis had an undefeated veteran team against the Fitchburgers.

T. Maki, star for Hyannis, was highscorer and leader of the game, with 21 points to his credit. This is more than half of the points scored by his team.

The boys were entertained at the half by an exhibition of statuary. Painted completely in silver, members of the Hyannis Physical Culture department performed excellent and difficult feats.

Fitchburg T. C. hoopsters were defeated by Bridgewater, there, 44 to 41 in a fast, furious game that went into two overtime periods.

In the first period both teams went to work quickly. The guarding was close, however and not many shots were made. Bridgewater led at the end of the half 21-14.

In the second half, Fitchburg scored six points almost immediately. From this point Fitchburg followed close to Bridgewater. The game became faster and the crowd became louder. At the end of the third period the score was Bridgewater 30, Fitchburg 28.

The Fitchburg boys returned to score rapidly and at one point led Bridgewater 37—32.

There was an argument here. The Fitchburg scorers had the score Bridgewater 30—Fitchburg 37. Several others had this score.

## FACULTY PLANS REORGANIZATION

At a meeting of the faculty held last month, a new plan for faculty reorganization was unanimously adopted. At a meeting held early in September a committee composed of Miss Marie Gearan, Mr. James Hammond, and with Mr. Arthur Harrington as chairman was appointed to study the matter.

It was found that there were fourteen different faculty committees and their duties often overlapped and duplication of work was often done. The new plan will give a more utilized plan of faculty relation and a more efficient and economic function by the faculty committees. This plan coordinates the work of the faculty committees and the Student Cooperative Association.

The plan is as follows..

A faculty council, consisting of the chairmen of the five standing committees, and the faculty representatives on the Massachusetts State Teachers College Association Board, will co-ordinate the various faculty activities.

I. Educational program—5 members—concerned with prob-

The Bridgewater scorers had Bridgewater 32—Fitchburg 37. But since the rules say the home scorer is official, the referee ruled the score 37—32 official.

Bridgewater tied up the score and the game went into its first 5 minute overtime period. Each team scored 4 points and the score was 41—41 at the end of the overtime.

In the second overtime period Bridgewater got a basket and a foul shot to win the game 44—41.

Two substitutions were made—Bennett replacing Berry and Marella going in for Deveikis. Chet Smith scored 16 points and Dick Bejoune, 10.

The Jayvees lost to the Bridgewater Jayvees 26—21.

## POINTS CHECKED AT W.A.A. MEETING

A meeting of the W. A. A. was held in the large Assembly Hall on Monday and was well attended by both teams. A check-up on "points" was taken and all those who did not attend the meeting are urged to record their points on their sheet and pass it in to Pres. Hughes or give it to their Class representative. Helen Chadwick was elected Freshman representative and will serve on the board for the rest of the school year. Members of the orange and white teams are planning new spring costumes to represent their team when playing "color" games. Wonder which team will be the first to model theirs????

Because of appendicitis Priscilla Leighton, head of bowling, will be unable to coach this sport but Nellie Meskinis has taken it over and the same schedule will be followed.

lems of curricula, schedules and equipment; to work with groups most vitally concerned with issues in various areas.

II. Student-faculty relations—5 members—concerned with student activities and welfare; intermediary between faculty and student council; to choose, with the President, those committees that are concerned with joint student-faculty affairs; to care for problems arising in sponsorship, athletic, financial supervision, and orientation and guidance relations.

III. Community relations—3 members—concerned with matters of publicity, public relations, local teachers' association membership, representation in civic activities and drives.

IV. Alumni relations—3 members—concerned with faculty participation in alumni association activities; and with extend-

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## SOPHOMORES PRESENT SONG AT ASSEMBLY

Tuesday's assembly consisted of two main features, the first being a professional lecture by Mr. Holmes, Director of the Training schools; and the second a sports rally, with songs and cheers.

Mr. Holmes gave a digest of his personal philosophy of education. He emphasized the need of a "sense of direction" in American education, maintaining that we Americans have a clear picture of what we don't want, dictatorship and tyranny. Mr. Holmes declared that a common basis of belief is necessary in a democracy if we are to protect it from the attacks of alien "isms".

Among the basic principles of democracy upon which all should agree the speaker listed:

1. The moral worth of the individual.
2. Government is made for man, not man for government.
3. Government should be by discussion and consent.
4. Every citizen has the right to vote, stand for office, and speak freely.
5. The citizen has the right to peacefully alter his government when necessary.
6. Government may not invade the field of religion.
7. Government should be concerned with the welfare of everybody rather than of small restricted groups.

Mr. Holmes concluded his timely and informative talk with a reminder to his audience that an American teacher's methods and procedure are largely determined by his or her own personal philosophy which should harmonize with the essential tenets of democracy.

The Sophomores, under the direction of Roger Pauze, opened the sports rally by singing the new Fitchburg fight song, the music of which was written by Kenneth Sweeney. This song,

## Carnival Schedule

**Friday:—**

3:30—5:30 p. m. Skating—  
St. Joseph's Rink

8:00—11:30 p. m. Carnival Ball

**Saturday:—**

9:00—10:45 a. m. Skiing, Sliding, Tobogganing—Hospital Hill

11:15—12:00 a. m. Snow Images and Snow Forts—Campus and Athletic Field

—1:00 p. m. Judging Snow Images

1:15—3:00 p. m. Hockey Game: F. T. C. vs. Cushing Academy

—3:20 p. m. Skii Jumping and Snow Battle

4:45—7:00 p. m. Sports Dance (T. C. Gym)

5:30—6:30 p. m. Lunch

7:30—10:00 p. m. Basketball Game

## PIERCE PLAYS AT ASSEMBLY

Piano selections by Theodore Pierce of the sophomore class comprised the excellent program for the closing assembly of the first semester. Mr. Pierce has played before the college group a number of times and his participation in the assemblies is always looked forward to with great anticipation.

which was enthusiastically received is the Sophomores' contribution to our goal of a bigger and better school spirit.

Mr. Louis Kulcinski, coach of basketball spoke briefly and introduced the members of the varsity squad individually; Berry, Konsavage, Smith, Bejune, Deveikis, Bennett, Amsler Marell. The Jayvee team was then introduced as a unit and took a bow.

The rally was concluded with the rendition of our school cheers by the student body under the direction of cheerleaders: Dick Kelliher, Norma Hadd, Jane Lane, and Tena Sironaitis.

## Freshman Dance

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the atmosphere and setting desired. The music will be furnished. A unique lighting effect, one which has been enthusiastically received in some of the largest eastern colleges, will be the feature of the decorations.

The music will be furnished by the highly-touted, rhythmic rapture of Ben Ritter's rollicking rhythm.

At the ball the class banner will be displayed for the first time and reveal the newly selected class colors. Along with this unveiling, the class song, which was written jointly by Jane Lane and Yolanda Brumante, will be sung.

An important addition to the dance will be the presence of the patrons and patronesses some of whom will be Dr. and Mrs. Herlihy, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, and Mr. MacLean, the class sponsor.

There is still another feature which will make up this gala evening, namely the crowning of the Carnival King and Queen who will reign for the entire week-end.

The committee heads for the affairs are as follows:—Decorations—Edna Charrier. Reception—Marion Smith. Refreshments—Charles Dacey. Orchestra—John Hoyer, Eino Hakala. Entertainment—Wallace Cunningham. Cleanup—Thomas Macklin.

## KIRBY, SULLIVAN, LALLI CONDUCTING POLLS

A series of polls of general interest is being conducted by Paul Kirby, Dan Sullivan, and Joe Lalli. Student cooperation will be greatly appreciated. This week's subject is "In your opinion, who do you think will be the next President of the U. S.?" The results will be published in next week's Stick.

The next topic deals with the Academy Award Winners.



## Council Notes

Summary of recent Council meeting:-

1. Some helpful suggestions were noted on the questionnaires presented at a recent Association meeting. These suggestions will be given to the next committee to work on the handbook.

2. A prominent sign to announce meetings is being made which will be posted before each future Association meeting.

3. The by-law committee is working on a by-law regarding the method of election of future Council members.

4. The Council selected three from a list of seven topics which might be discussed at the New York Conference. They are given in order of preference:

- (a) Student Forums (Purpose, Scope, Organization and Conduct)
- (b) Student elections and the Making, Adoption, and Audit of Student Activities Budgets.
- (c) "The Guidance We Need" (Personal, Educational, and Professional)

5. At Tuesday's Assembly the following students were elected to go to the New York Conference: Dorothy Sears and Howard Hill from the Senior Class, and Bert Bennett and Eileen Connolly from the Junior Class. The Council then elected Howard Hill to be the speaker.

We solicit your patronage

**The College Spa**

## ALUMNI INVITED TO ATTEND GAMES

Fitchburg Teachers College through the director of physical education for men, Louis Kulcinski, is issuing invitations to home basket-ball games to all alumni and former students of the College. The games to be played in The B. F. Brown gymnasium are with the Farmington, Maine., Normal on January 27, the R. I. College of Education on February 10; and with The Gorham, Maine, Normal on February 24.

The game with The Farmington Normal is the closing event of the Winter Carnival to be held at the college on Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, when ten out-door events and a carnival ball will be the attraction. Robert Patch of Fitchburg is general chairman of the Carnival which is under the direction of the Sophomore Class.

All alumni and former students of the College who care to be guests at the basket-ball games are being urged to call the college for tickets. Thomas Moran of Fitchburg is Sophomore manager; Joseph Lalli of Maynard, Varsity manager; and John P. Keefe, Boston, assistant varsity manager.

## TYPO SOCIETY LEAVES BOOK

The Typographical Society has given to the college a copy of the book "Fifth Production Yearbook", published by the Coulton Press. This book will be of use and interest chiefly to the students of printing in our practical

## Alumni Notes

John B. Haggerty '33 of Adams, Massachusetts is engaged to Miss Helena A. Walls, one of Rockland's most popular young ladies.

Mr. Haggerty, teacher in the Rockland schools for three years and well-known in athletic circles and as a coach of basketball, is teacher of science in the Abington High School. He is a member of the Massachusetts State Basketball Officials' Association and the National Board of Education. At present he is doing graduate work in science at Boston University. He is a member of Epsilon Pi Tau and also a Mohawk.

No date for the wedding has been set.

Miss Doris E. Almy, a graduate of the four year course at Fitchburg Teachers College in the class of 1921, is now president of the Fall River Club of Fitchburg Teachers College graduates. Miss Almy is supervisor of penmanship in the city of Fall River, and at the present time is president of the National Association of Penmanship Teachers and Supervisors, and consultant ex-officio of the National Educational policies Commission.

arts courses, as it contains material and tables on all of the various phases of the printing industry. The material and advertisements are grouped together in sections by the subject with which they deal.

The book was purchased from the funds left in the Society's treasury after the organization disbanded.

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## Campus Chatter

Friendships fading fast through-  
out the years  
Before our very eyes; Just like  
the tears  
Which fall upon the cheek and  
fade away  
Into the cosmic gases of the day.  
It's true that other friendships  
take their place  
As other tears will fall upon the  
face  
Sympathetic mourners of relief  
That help to comfort sorrow, pain'  
and grief  
But Oh! The dire and wretched  
circumstance  
That grasps the unsuspecting  
youth by chance  
A witch-like ray that permeates  
his heart  
Until his friends and he become  
apart,  
That ray the poets call the nymph  
of love  
Descending from the planets high  
above  
When pretty eyes may sparkle,  
wink, or roll  
That tears all sense of honor  
from the soul:  
And thus I've seen throughout my  
college days,  
Classmates trapped within this  
blinding craze  
Relinquishing their fellow friends  
for girls  
Forsaking stainless steel for use-  
less pearls  
Every meal from morning, noon,  
and night,  
They rush to Miller Hall, a most  
disgusting sight  
To hold the dainty, cherished, fe-  
male hand;  
They deem the grandest prize in  
all the land.  
It's not in envy of their lot I  
speak  
Or that love has never blushed  
upon my cheek

## DR. HERLIHY ADDRESSES TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

More active participation on the part of teachers in community activities was urged by Dr. Charles M. Herlihy, president of the Fitchburg Teachers Col-  
lege, at a meeting of the Fitchburg Teachers Association held at the Brown School Auditorium on Wednesday of this week. Speaking on the subject "Crusading for Democracy", he referred to a recent study of youth problems and through it emphasized that all teachers must "stir" for the sake of democracy and youth.

Dr. Herlihy also commended the work being done by Supt. George C. Francis in the program of guidance being developed in the local school system.

This was the first of two meetings on the theme of Democracy.

### Faculty Reorganization

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ing professional assistance to alumni in their work, especially in the case of recent graduates.

V. Faculty relations—3 members—concerned with faculty activities and welfare.

### Farmington Game

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and Hyannis. Now, for the second time, the boys will meet their opponents at home where the school fans can support the team and cheer it on even better than they did at the game with Keene.

So come one and all—students and faculty; upperclassmen and lowerclassmen; trainers and non-trainers; commuters and dormers—**EVERYONE!** Come because it's a big game and come because it's the end of the Winter Carnival of 1940.

But more because of friendships I have lost  
At such a low and measly mea-  
ger cost.

## My Folks

They haven't lots of money, nor a staff of maids, it's true, But, for a sweeter couple you might search the whole world through.

Their home is not palatial but it's cozy and it's neat.

As a home for peace and comfort you will find it hard to beat.

They haven't many jewels, nor a powerful motor car,

But they're worth your while to visit though you have to travel far.

They've never been to college but with knowledge they are blessed

If you're glad, or sad, or sorry, they know just what word is best.

They haven't got much money, still they're worth a lot I know. To know them is to love them, so you'll envy me, I vow, When I tell you that I'm packing, for I'm going home right now.

Grace Gaudet.

### Winter Carnival

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the Fine Arts—a snow image contest on the front Campus under the supervision of Frances Merritt.

In the afternoon from 1:15 to 3:00, we shall witness a fast moving hockey game between an organized team of F. T. C. and Cushing Academy. Later at about 4:45, Dick Kelliher will have the gym ready for us where we shall have a sports dance. About 5:30, John Gemma and Alele Lach will have food ready at the Palmer Hall dining room. Finally will be the great game at the B. F. Brown's gym between our varsity and Farmington, Maine, Normal in the evening as climax of the grand affair.